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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. [REDACTED], DCI/SA

SUBJECT: Draft Revision of NSC 162/2

1. At Mr. Amory's request, I have read with care your draft of 25 November, with particular reference to its conformity with NSC 162/2. In general, I think it is excellent, and your wording changes are for the better.

2. I have the following two minor points:

a. Your paragraph 3c could be taken to apply to Yugoslavia. How about saying "International Communist control"?

b. Your paragraph 3d seems redundant to 3a, as far as the Soviet Bloc is concerned, and redundant to 3c as to the Free World. Surely by hypothesis there cannot be, in any "Free World" country, "International Communist control". Moreover, even if there could be, our efforts would surely be designed to "eliminate" rather than reduce it. Thus, paragraph 43c of NSC 162/2 calls for the US to "undertake selective, positive actions to eliminate Soviet-Communist control over any areas of the Free World". In sum, I would say take it out altogether to avoid confusion and misunderstanding, or else conceivably repeat the thought of 43c, although -- as indicated above -- I am blessed if I see what this really adds.

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